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FOR AMB YOUNG FROM UNA

FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN NEW YORK PRETORIA FROM
DURBAN DTD 17 JUL 1978 QTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DURBAN 0417

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, SF, US

SUBJ: BUTHELEZI VISIT TO US

REF: A. STATE 171086, B. PRETORIA 3913, C. DURBAN 360
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1. CHIEF BUTHELEZI INFORMED CONOFF JULY 14 HE HAS ACCEPTED
URBAN LEAGUE INVITATION TO ADDRESS THEIR AUGUST MEETING
(REF A). WHILE UNSURE OF DETAILS OF TRIP, HE EXPECTS TO BE
IN WASHINGTON AND NY APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 10-15. VERNON JORDAN
OF URBAN LEAGUE IS ARRANGING ITINERARY AND WILL KNOW EXACT
TRAVEL PLANS. BUTHELEZI EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO MEET WITH
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AT USUN.
CHIEF INDICATED HE THOUGH URBAN LEAGUE WAS ARRANGING SOME
CALLS FOR HIM BUT DID NOT KNOW WITH WHOM. DEPARTMENT MAY
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WISH TO CONSULT WITH URBAN LEAGUE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

2. BUTHELEZI AND HIS INKATHA MOVEMENT ARE VIGOROUSLY ENGAGED
IN ASSERTING THEIR PREDOMINANCE AMONG BLACK GROUPS ON THE
INTERNAL S.A. POLITICAL SCENE. INKATHA HAS NOW FORMALLY
ADOPTED A POLICY (BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL) OF USING THE
MOVEMENT AS A TYPE OF POLICING MECHANISM FOR THE VARIOUS

EMPLOYMENT CODES BEING URGED ON SOUTH AFRICAN FIRMS (SEE ALSO REF B). BUTHELEZI WILL COME TO THE U.S. IMBUED NOT ONLY WITH A NEW SENSE OF SELF-IMPORTANCE (FOLLOWING THE BERGSTRASSER REPORT REF C) BUT ALSO WITH AN INDICATION THAT HE IS READY TO BEGIN USING HIS CAREFULLY BUILT INKATHA ORGANIZATION TO INFLUENCE EVENTS WITHIN S.A. ITSELF. RECALLING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH AROSE WITH HIS LAST U.S. VISIT IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977 (REF D), IT MAY BE DESIREABLE TO PRE-ARRANGE U.S. APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM. EMBASSY PRETORIA MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS AS WELL AS ON THE RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF CONTACTS. FARBER UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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